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OPERATION LEAPFROG
**TEXAS MAN SENTENCED IN MULTI-KILO
METH CONSPIRACY**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Dallas, Texas, man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a large-scale methamphetamine conspiracy. Today's sentencing is a result of Operation Leapfrog, a nationwide investigation that involves multi-pound shipments of methamphetamine into southwest Missouri. This case focuses on the conspiracy to transport methamphetamine from Texas for distribution in Greene County, Mo.

Edward Gallegos, 22, of Dallas, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to 14 years in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 21, 2005, **Gallegos** pleaded guilty to his role in a conspiracy to distribute in excess of 500 grams of methamphetamine between October 2003 and March 26, 2004, in Greene County.

Gallegos is among seven co-defendants who have pleaded guilty to charges contained in a March 31, 2004, federal indictment.

* **Jared Calovich**, 23, of Nixa, pleaded guilty on March 10, 2006, to his role in the methamphetamine conspiracy. **Calovich** admitted that he participated in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine between October 2003 and March 26, 2004, in Greene County, Mo. The amount of methamphetamine that he conspired to distribute was more than five kilograms, but less than 15 kilograms. Under federal statutes, **Calovich** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life imprisonment, plus a fine up to \$4 million. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

* **Toulavanh Phanithasack**, 30, of Ozark, was sentenced on Jan. 17, 2006, to 15 years and eight months in federal prison without parole. On Sept. 27, 2005, **Phanithasack** pleaded guilty to his role in the methamphetamine conspiracy. The amount of methamphetamine that he conspired to distribute was more than five kilograms, but less than 15 kilograms.

* **John Harris**, 32, of Branson, Mo., was sentenced on Dec. 19, 2005, to five years and eight months in federal prison without parole. **Harris** pleaded guilty on Aug. 30, 2005, to his role in the conspiracy. The amount of methamphetamine that he conspired to distribute was more than five kilograms, but less than 15 kilograms.

* **David Sonesourinhasack**, 22, of Cedar Hills, Mo., was sentenced on Aug. 26, 2005, to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole. **Sonesourinhasack** also forfeited to the government \$4,400, which constitutes proceeds from the distribution of methamphetamine. On Jan. 5, 2005, **Sonesourinhasack** pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute more than five kilograms, but less than 15 kilograms, of methamphetamine.

* **Daryl Schoenfeldt**, 23, of Springfield, Mo., was sentenced on June 14, 2005, to 14 years in federal prison without parole. **Schoenfeldt** pleaded guilty on Dec. 1, 2004, to his role in the conspiracy.

* **Eric Fujan**, 23, of Branson, was sentenced on July 29, 2005, to six years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Fujan** to forfeit to the government \$6,489, which constitutes proceeds from the distribution of methamphetamine. **Fujan** pleaded guilty on Aug. 12, 2004, to his role in the conspiracy.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, COMBAT (the Combined Ozarks Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Team), the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Dallas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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